

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT No. 6

Notification of Release of Tentative Order

A document presented to the Regional Board on February 11, 2004.
Permittees and all interested parties were notified of the release of the Tentative Order on
December 15, 2003.

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To: See Attached Distribution List

Dear Sir or Madam:

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2004-001

This is a notification that tentative Order No. R9-2004-001 (NPDES Permit No. CAS0108766), *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the County of Riverside, the City of Murrieta, the City of Temecula and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District within the Santa Margarita Watershed* is being released for public comment. Tentative Order No. 2004-001 regulates the manner in which the Cities of Murrieta and Temecula, the County of Riverside, and the Riverside County Flood Control District manage urban runoff in the Santa Margarita watershed. Urban runoff is one of the leading causes of water quality impairment in southern California today; for this reason tentative Order No. 2004-001 includes extensive requirements to protect receiving waters from urban runoff discharges from MS4s. These requirements may have a significant impact on municipal resources and operations.

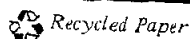
The tentative Order and the draft Fact Sheet/Technical Report dated December 15, 2003 and prepared by the SDRWQCB in support of the tentative Order are available on the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) web page at the following address:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/programs/rsd_stormwater.html

If you cannot access the documents via the internet and would like a copy of tentative Order No. R9-2004-001 mailed to you, contact Megan Quigley at 858-268-5363, or via email at mquigley@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Due to the importance of Tentative Order No. 2004-001 in protecting the water quality of our Region, as well as its potential consequences for municipalities, the SDRWQCB has planned an extensive public review and comment period for the tentative Order. The SDRWQCB will conduct a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the tentative Order at its February 11, 2004 meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Rancho California Water District, located at 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula and will begin at 9:00 am. You are welcomed to present verbal and written comments to the SDRWQCB at this hearing. To ensure that the Regional Board members have the opportunity to fully consider written material prior to the

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February 11 hearing, written comments should be received in the SDRWQCB office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2004.

The public comment period will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2004. All written comments must be submitted prior to this deadline to Megan Quigley at the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123. Pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 648.2, the SDRWQCB may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence if submitted after the public comment period. Comments that do not exceed five pages in length will be accepted via email. Email comments should be sent to mquigley@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov. Staff will prepare written responses to written comments, which we received by the February 18, 2004 deadline.

Respectfully,



JOHN H. ROBERTUS
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